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remotely located bridge/train controller to view both river traffic and the bridge itself.

(1) When an approaching vessel requires a bridge opening, contact shall be established with the bridge/train controller by radiotelephone or appropriate signals prescribed in § 117.15.

(2) The bridge/train controller will confirm by radiotelephone or sound signal that the bridge will open promptly.

(3) When rail traffic is on bridge, the bridge/train controller will inform the vessel that bridge cannot be opened and will also give an approximate time of bridge opening via radiotelephone. The bridge/train controller will indicate via sound signals that lift span cannot be opened if the vessel doesn't have a radiotelephone, or if radiotelephone is not used.

(4) When the bridge is clear of rail traffic, the bridge/train controller will advise the waiting vessel by radiotelephone or sound signal of the intended opening. The lift span will be raised to its full height, and the midchannel bridge lights will change from red to green.

(5) The bridge/train controller will monitor the vessel's passage via closed circuit TV and radiotelephone until it has cleared the bridge.

(6) When the vessel has cleared the draw, midchannel bridge navigation lights will change from green to red and the lift span will be lowered to the closed-to-navigation position.

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§ 117.689 Osage River.

The draw of the Missouri Pacific Railroad bridge, mile 5.6 at Osage City, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

NEBRASKA

§ 117.691 Missouri River.

The draw of the Illinois Central Gulf railroad bridge, mile 618.3 at Omaha, shall open on signal; except that, from December 1 through the last day of February, the draw shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

§ 117.697 Hampton River.

The SR1A bridge, mile 0.0 at Hampton, operates as follows:

(a) The draw shall open on signal from April 1 through October 31 for the passage of vessels during daylight hours from three hours before to three hours after each high tide. "Daylight hours" means one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. High tide occurs one-half hour later than the time of high tide for Portland, Maine, as published in the tide tables by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. At all other times, the draw shall open on signal if at least three hours notice is given.

(b) The owners of the bridge shall provide and keep in good legible condition two board gages painted white with black figures not less than six inches high to indicate the vertical clearance under the closed draw at all stages of the tide. The gages shall be so placed on the bridge that they are plainly visible to operators of vessels approaching the bridge either up or downstream.

(c) Vessels which can pass under the closed draw with a clearance of one foot or more shall not signal for the opening of the draw. In case a vessel gives the prescribed signal and the drawtender is uncertain as to whether the vessel can safely pass, the drawtender shall open the draw. If the drawtender finds that there would have been a clearance of one foot or more had the draw remained closed, the matter shall be reported immediately to the District Commander, giving the name of the vessel, the time of opening the draw, the clearance under the bridge as indicated by the gage at the time of opening the draw, and the approximate vertical clearance required by the vessel.

§ 117.699 Little Harbor.

The draw of the SR1B bridge, mile 1.0 between New Castle and Rye, shall open on signal from April 1 through October 31 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. if at least four hours notice is given. At all other times, the draw shall open as soon as possible only for emergencies.